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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING UNDER THE
BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief, Office of Public Safety, to accept, on behalf of the County, proportionate reimbursement funding allocated by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2001 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program in the amount of \$114,564.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 15, 1999, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sheriff to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice (BJA) for the County's participation in the BVP program. The purpose of the program is to save lives of law enforcement officers by assisting local law enforcement agencies in providing officers with armor vests. Under the provisions of the BVP program, the Federal government will reimburse local agencies up to 50 percent of vest purchase costs.

Representatives from the Chief Administrative Office, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, and the Office of Public Safety ascertained their respective needs for armor vests and coordinated the submission of the County's application. The BVP program requires participants to register and apply for reimbursement funds electronically via the BVP web site specifically created for this purpose. Each participating County department was required to complete and submit their application on-line. The Chief Administrative Office, as the County's designated contact, reviewed, verified, and combined the departmental submissions into one application. The County's FFY 2001 BVP program application was transmitted on-line, in accordance with the Board's instruction of June 15, 1999.



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The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that the risk of fatality to officers not wearing an armor vest is fourteen times higher than for officers wearing an armor vest. The number of officers who are killed or injured in the line of duty would significantly decrease if every officer had the added protection of an armor vest.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This program meets the County's goal on workforce excellence by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2001 BVP application requests 50 percent reimbursement for 2,310 vests of which the Sheriff ordered 2,000, District Attorney 275, and the Office of Public Safety 35, at a total cost of \$571,851. However, the BJA awarded the County reimbursement funding in the amount of \$114,564, which is equivalent to only twenty percent of the cost of the vests requested. Departments which receive funds will be responsible for absorbing the 50 percent match requirement, or reduce the number of vests purchases to meet the BVP award allocation.

The Chief Administrative Officer will disburse the awarded reimbursement funding in amounts proportionate to each Department's total application intended vest order and corresponding requested reimbursement amount as reflected on the attached chart. The vests may be purchased all at once or in increments. Reimbursement ending date for vests purchased under the FFY 2001 BVP program is September 30, 2005. The BVP program reimbursement payments will be forthcoming whenever the County confirms that at least part of the participating agencies' approved application vest order was received and invoiced. Supplanting issues are not applicable under the BVP program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 16, 1998, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998 was signed into law as Public Law 105-181 (S. 1605). The Act appropriated \$25,000,000 for FFY 2001 to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for 50 percent of the cost of providing armor vests for law enforcement officers.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The BVP program has no direct impact on current services or projects. Officer safety in the line of duty is of primary concern. BVP funding offsets the costs incurred by participating departments in ensuring that their personnel have access to an armor vest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David E. Janssen".

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (1)

c: Sheriff
District Attorney
County Counsel
Chief, Office of Public Safety

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Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program - Reimbursement

FFY 2001 Application

Reimbursement Amount \$114,564.90

Department	# of Vests	Cost Tax, S&H	Total Cost	50% Cost	Award Amount
Office of Public Safety	35	17,500.00	35,000.00	17,500.00	7,011.90
District Attorney	275	432.99	110,157.99	55,079.00	22,069.07
Sheriff	2,000	31,606.96	426,693.96	213,346.98	85,483.93
Totals	2,310	49,539.95	571,851.95	285,925.98	114,564.90

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